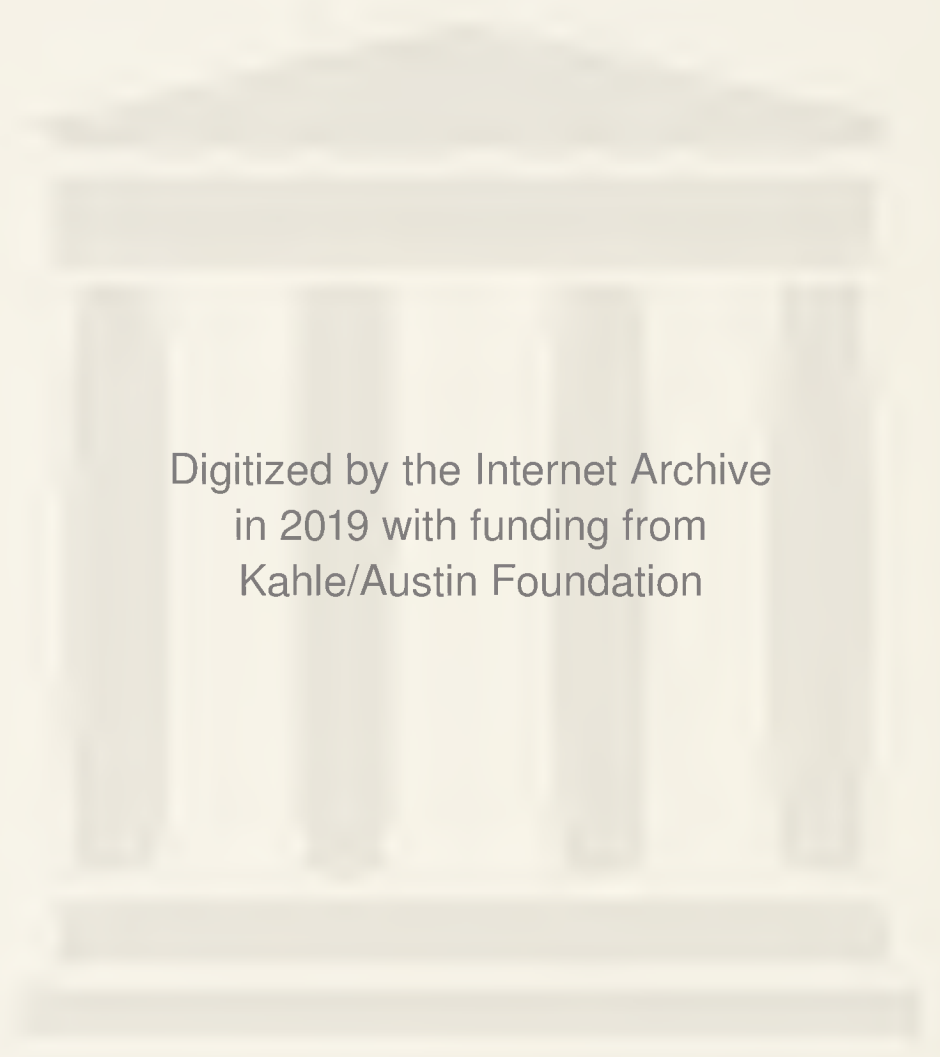




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TO STIMULATE OR CREATE HEROISM
BY THIS FUND, KNOWING WELL
THAT HEROIC ACTION
IS IMPULSIVE; BUT I DO BELIEVE
THAT, IF THE HERO IS INJURED IN
HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE
OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,
HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT
UPON HIM SHOULD
NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.*

ANDREW CARNEGIE

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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DEED OF TRUST

TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION:

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

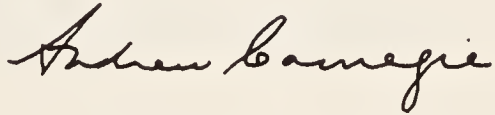
SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc., and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.



NEW YORK, MARCH 12TH, 1904
WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of the rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 1994

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CITED BY THE
CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION IN 1994 FOR HAVING PERFORMED
OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM. IN EACH CASE,
A CARNEGIE MEDAL AND A \$2,500 GRANT WERE AWARDED.

RICHARD CRAIG ABBAS DENVER, IOWA

Richard Craig Abbas saved April M. Pritchard from drowning, Denver, Iowa, July 20, 1993. April, 12, was playing in rain-swollen Denver Creek when she was swept over a dam and submerged in the rough water at the face of the dam. Abbas, 37, art gallery owner, was fishing downstream of the dam when he saw the accident. He immediately entered the creek, swam into the rough water, and submerged to look for April. He found her and grasped her, but they became caught momentarily in the rough water, and Abbas kicked off the face of the dam several times before freeing them. He then took April to the bank of the creek and removed her from the water. Abbas sustained scratches to his elbows and shins; he recovered.

68009-7837

CLYDE JOHN AKETACHUNAK, DECEASED KOTLIK, ALASKA

Clyde John Aketachunak died attempting to save Jennifer Prince from drowning, Kotlik, Alaska, July 14, 1993. Jennifer, 6, was wading in the Kotlik Slough of the Yukon River's Apoon Pass when she got into deeper water and began to struggle. Aketachunak, 27, fisherman, and a friend were on the bank in the vicinity and became aware of the situation. While the friend left for help, Aketachunak ran to the slough and, although he was recovering from a recently broken collarbone, entered the water and swam toward Jennifer. Jennifer submerged; Aketachunak went below the surface of the water near her and did not resurface. Others arrived and removed them from the slough, but neither could be revived.

68023-7828

BILLY L. ALBRANDT, DECEASED
STERLING, COLORADO

Billy L. Albrandt died attempting to save Michael A. Chavez and Janean RaNae Guerra from drowning, Sterling, Colorado, June 22, 1993. Michael, 3, and other family members were boating on the North Sterling Reservoir when he fell out of the boat into water about 10 feet deep. His cousin, Janean, 11, immediately dived into the water and swam to him. They struggled, and Janean called for help. Responding to her cries, the children's grandfather, Albrandt, 56, retired welder, dived into the water and swam to them, but, despite his efforts, all three submerged and drowned.

67994-7807

RICHARD A. ARCHIBALD, DECEASED
TORONTO, ONTARIO

Richard A. Archibald died attempting to rescue Julian Staley from burning, Sundridge, Ontario, August 17, 1992. At night, Julian, 6, was sleeping in a bedroom of a cottage when fire broke out in the adjoining kitchen. Archibald, 29, computer analyst, and others were in other bedrooms. Alerted to the fire, Archibald and the others fled the cottage; Archibald had made his way to the front porch when he realized that Julian was still inside. He turned and ran back into the smoke-filled cottage but collapsed shortly. Both he and Julian died in the fire.

67126-7816

WILLIAM F. BAKER
CARVER, MASSACHUSETTS

William F. Baker attempted to rescue Linda G. McLean-Jenner from assault, Plymouth, Massachusetts, January 8, 1993. Ms. McLean-Jenner, 42, was in the nursing home where she was employed when a man armed with a knife seized her and forcibly moved her through a corridor toward the building's door. Seeing the struggle, Baker, 42, an orderly at the nursing home, immediately approached the assailant and grasped him in an attempt to free Ms. McLean-Jenner. As Baker fought with the assailant, during which he was stabbed, Ms. McLean-Jenner, also stabbed, broke free, but the assailant pursued her and resumed his attack. Although wounded,

Baker again approached the assailant; he took him to the floor and disarmed him. Police arrived within minutes and arrested the assailant. Ms. McLean-Jenner died shortly of her injuries. Baker was hospitalized five days for treatment of his stab wound. 67465-7794

JOHN M. BEANE
SOUTH SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

John M. Beane helped to save John M. Bent from drowning, East Sandwich, Massachusetts, August 2, 1992. Bent, 35, was fishing at the mouth of Scorton Creek when he lost his footing and was carried by a very swift current into the 63-degree water of Cape Cod Bay. His chest-high waders filled with water, weighing him down and precluding his returning to shore against the current. He shouted for help as he struggled to stay afloat. Other fishermen, including Beane, 37, mechanic, were alerted to his situation. Beane and another man disrobed, entered the bay, and swam to Bent, who by then was about 450 feet from shore and was losing consciousness. Beane and the other man grasped Bent and attempted to return him to shore, but they made little progress against the current. Learning that a boat had been dispatched, Beane and the other man kept Bent afloat until the boat arrived several minutes later. Beane boarded the vessel and helped to pull Bent aboard. After the second rescuer was aboard, the boat returned the men to shore, where Bent was taken to a hospital for treatment of hypothermia. He recovered. Beane was very cold and nearly exhausted, but he recovered later that day. 68167-7829

CHARLES N. BECHTOL
LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

Charles N. Bechtol rescued Lori J. Zeunen from assault, Livermore, California, April 19, 1993. Ms. Zeunen, 36, was visiting her estranged husband in the house where he was living when the husband attacked her, then produced a knife and stabbed her repeatedly. Another resident of the house, Bechtol, 47, sales representative, who was in an adjacent room, responded. Bechtol approached the assailant, grasped him, and threw him off Ms. Zeunen. The assailant then threatened Bechtol with the knife as Bechtol

attempted to calm him. The assailant fled the house. Ms. Zeunen required hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of severe knife wounds.

67981-7808

LESLIE J. BEITELSPACHER

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Leslie J. Beitelspacher rescued Richard H. Miller from assault, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 19, 1994. Miller, 70, was in his office at a housing complex conversing with Beitelspacher, 44, maintenance supervisor, when an enraged man entered the office. The man struck Miller in the head, drawing blood and rendering him unconscious. Beitelspacher rushed to a point between Miller and the assailant to shield Miller with his own body. The assailant, who outweighed Beitelspacher by 75 pounds, struggled with Beitelspacher, striking him repeatedly in attempts to resume attacking Miller. When police arrived, the assailant threatened them and had to be subdued before he could be arrested. Miller required hospitalization for treatment of head injuries and cuts. Beitelspacher also required hospital treatment, for a head injury and cuts, which required sutures, and he recovered.

68767-7870

LEONARD BELCHER

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Leonard Belcher saved Judy C. Dowdell from assault, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 27, 1993. While on duty, Ms. Dowdell, 46, a police officer, was assaulted by a woman who cut Ms. Dowdell's neck with glass from a broken bottle. During an ensuing struggle, the assailant struck Ms. Dowdell repeatedly and grasped her service revolver. Belcher, 58, witnessed the assault from where he was seated on a bench nearby. Although he was disabled and required the use of a cane, Belcher approached the assailant and released the gun from her grasp. He then helped Ms. Dowdell restrain the assailant until another officer arrived shortly and took the assailant into custody. Ms. Dowdell required hospital treatment for her injuries.

68274-7866

BENJAMIN B. BERTHIAUME
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Benjamin B. Berthiaume rescued Richard D. Green from burning, Columbus, Georgia, March 11, 1993. Green, 41, was asleep in a bedroom of a friend's house when, at night, fire broke out in the room across the hall. He collapsed to the floor of the living room while attempting to flee the one-story house. A next-door neighbor, Berthiaume, 37, foundry melting supervisor, was alerted to the fire, then was informed by the friend that Green was still inside the burning house. Berthiaume entered the living room twice but was forced out both times by dense smoke and intense heat. He returned to his house for a flashlight, then went back to the scene and entered the living room again. Guided by Green gasping, Berthiaume crawled into the living room, found Green, who was unconscious, and, grasping him by the arms, dragged him from the house. Green required hospitalization for treatment of burns and smoke inhalation. Berthiaume also sustained smoke inhalation, from which he recovered.

67669-7811

RAY RICHARD BICKEL, JR.
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Ray Richard Bickel, Jr., saved an indeterminate number of persons from assault, Bonita, California, July 9, 1993. A man entered a real estate office, where several persons, including his ex-wife, were working. After speaking briefly to his ex-wife, the man, who was armed with four guns, shot her to death. From a back room of the office, Bickel, 44, real estate broker, heard the shots. He left the room, approached the assailant, and seized his gun hand. The assailant then struck Bickel in the head repeatedly with a gun that he held in his other hand. In the struggle, the two men went to the floor, to which Bickel pinned the assailant's hands. Two other employees of the agency responded and helped to disarm and secure the assailant until police arrived and arrested him. Bickel sustained a head wound that required hospital treatment, and he recovered.

68025-7836

JUSTIN A. BLOUIN
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Justin A. Blouin saved Robert Hernandez from drowning, Southbridge, Massachusetts, March 19, 1993. Robert, 6, broke through ice on the Quinebaug River about 55 feet from the bank. Alerted to his plight from a nearby house, Blouin, 19, optical coating technician, responded to the scene. Blouin crawled, prone, onto the ice, but after a short distance he too broke through and was immersed in the frigid water. Blouin proceeded to Robert by breaking a path through the ice. Reaching the boy, Blouin lifted his head out of the water and with some difficulty pushed him onto solid ice. Robert was unconscious. Arriving police revived Robert and took him to the bank. With a life ring and rope, police pulled Blouin, his energy sapped by the cold water, onto solid ice, from which he returned to the bank. Robert required hospitalization, and Blouin was treated at the emergency room for hypothermia. Both recovered. 67629-7804

GARY J. BOLTON
INDIAN RIVER, ONTARIO

Gary J. Bolton saved Julie D. Given from burning, Peterborough, Ontario, June 29, 1993. Ms. Given, 18, was trapped and unconscious in her inverted car after a highway accident at night. From his home nearby, Bolton, 25, college student, responded to the scene, where he attempted unsuccessfully to smother the flames that had broken out on the exposed underside of the car. Bolton then entered the smoke-filled car through its passenger door for Ms. Given, who was trapped between the driver's seat and the steering wheel. He attempted to push the seat away, but it would not move, nor would the steering wheel. Bolton grasped Ms. Given by the arm and, after some difficulty, freed her, then pulled her from the car. Others who had arrived carried her away from the car, which was shortly engulfed in flame. Ms. Given was hospitalized 10 days for treatment of extensive injuries. Bolton recovered from lacerations and contusions. 68000-7831

JOHN T. BORISOFF
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

John T. Borisoff helped to save John M. Bent from drowning, East Sandwich, Massachusetts, August 2, 1992. Bent, 35, was fishing at the mouth of Scorton Creek when he lost his footing and was carried by a very swift current into the 63-degree water of Cape Cod Bay. His chest-high waders filled with water, weighing him down and precluding his returning to shore against the current. He shouted for help as he struggled to stay afloat. Other fishermen, including Borisoff, 23, assistant produce manager, were alerted to his situation. Borisoff and another man disrobed, entered the bay, and swam to Bent, who by then was about 450 feet from shore and was losing consciousness. Borisoff and the other man grasped Bent and attempted to return him to shore, but they made little progress against the current. Learning that a boat had been dispatched, Borisoff and the other man kept Bent afloat until the boat arrived several minutes later. After the other man boarded the vessel, Borisoff, from the water, lifted Bent as the others pulled him aboard. Borisoff himself then boarded the boat, which returned the men to shore, where Bent was taken to a hospital for treatment of hypothermia. He recovered. Borisoff was tired and numb, but he recovered shortly.

68168-7830

MARK BOYD
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mark Boyd saved Theresa M. Keenum from burning, Erie, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1993. Ms. Keenum, 61, lay unconscious in the bathroom on the second floor of her house after fire erupted in another room on the floor and filled the floor with smoke. Her son-in-law, Boyd, 35, a mechanic who lived next door, saw smoke issuing from Ms. Keenum's house and went to the scene. He entered the house and, on a first rescue attempt, went partway up the stairs but was repulsed by the thick smoke and returned to the first floor. He went up the stairs a second time, then crawled through the smoke, which precluded visibility, to the bathroom. He found Ms. Keenum on the floor of that room, then seized her and, crawling backward, dragged her to the top of the stairs and partway down. He then stood and carried Ms. Keenum

from the house. Both suffered smoke inhalation and were admitted to the hospital, where Boyd was detained for two days. They recovered.

67925-7827

DEBERAH CARRUTH BROOKS
OLTON, TEXAS

Deberah Carruth Brooks attempted to save Travis B. Carruth, Sr., from an impending explosion, Olton, Texas, June 20, 1993. Carruth, 72, was filling a tank in his pickup truck with propane when leaking propane vaporized and formed a cloud that surrounded the truck and a large, propane supply tank adjacent to it. From her nearby home, Carruth's daughter, Ms. Brooks, 42, homemaker, saw Carruth immobilized in the truck amidst the vapors. She immediately ran to the supply tank and was in the process of turning its valve off when the propane vapors ignited into a ball of fire that enveloped her, the tanks, and the truck. Aflame, Ms. Brooks ran out of the burning vapor and rolled on the ground to extinguish the fire on her. She sustained severe burns to 40 percent of her body, requiring five weeks' hospitalization. Carruth died at the scene.

68036-7835

BILLY JAN BROWN
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Billy Jan Brown rescued Eunice W. Powell from burning, Greer, South Carolina, December 5, 1993. Ms. Powell, 75, lay on the floor of the kitchen of her one-story house after fire broke out in the adjacent living room and spread quickly. Several neighbors responded to the scene and attempted a rescue, but their efforts were thwarted by flames, heat, and dense smoke. One of the neighbors, Brown, 46, mold maker, crawled into the enclosed back porch, which was filled with smoke, and, using a flashlight, saw Ms. Powell in the kitchen. Discarding the flashlight and telling another of the neighbors to spray him with water from a garden hose, Brown crawled into the kitchen, which also was smoke-filled, grasped Ms. Powell, and dragged her out of the house. Ms. Powell was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns, but she died five days later. Brown inhaled smoke, and he recovered.

68366-7865

EDWARD A. BROWN
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Edward A. Brown saved Thao T. Truong from burning, Hamilton, Ontario, February 3, 1993. Thao, 2, remained in her family's apartment, on the 12th floor of a 15-story building, when fire broke out in one of the apartment's bedrooms. Informed of the situation, Brown, 27, the building's superintendent, immediately went to the 12th floor, but dense smoke prevented him from entering the burning apartment. With one of the building's fire hoses, he sprayed water into the apartment, then, intending to dissipate the smoke further by opening the apartment's sliding glass doors, he crawled into the living room. In the intense heat and dense smoke, which severely limited visibility, Brown brushed against Thao, who was lying, unconscious, on a couch in front of the glass doors. Brown picked her up, then ran out of the apartment with her to safety and began to resuscitate her. Thao was hospitalized for smoke inhalation, and she recovered. Brown was given oxygen at the scene for having inhaled smoke. He too recovered.

67532-7793

GLEN N. BULMER
PEACHLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Glen N. Bulmer saved Gerald W. Marsh from drowning, Kelowna, British Columbia, October 9, 1991. Marsh, 44, was operating a bulldozer on the bank of Okanagan Lake when the bank collapsed, sending the bulldozer into deep water. Marsh freed himself from the bulldozer and surfaced, disoriented. Bulmer, 36, truck driver, was nearby; he radioed for help, then ran to the edge of the unstable bank. Bulmer entered the lake, swam to Marsh, and pushed him toward the bank. Since the bank continued to collapse, Bulmer moved Marsh through the water to a more stable area, where others aided them from the lake. Marsh recovered from minor injuries. Bulmer sustained scratches to his leg from which he recovered.

67935-7809

BRIAN BUTLER
ROCKWOOD, TENNESSEE

Brian Butler saved John P. O'Neal from drowning, Rockwood, Tennessee, January 19, 1994. John, 11, and another boy were walking on an ice-covered cove of Watts Bar Lake when the ice gave way, plunging both boys into frigid water about 15 feet deep at a point about 30 feet from the shore. The other boy pulled himself back onto the ice and alerted help from a nearby residence. Among those responding to the scene was Butler, 21, farmer, who also lived nearby. After John, weakened by the cold, failed to grasp a board that was thrown to him, he submerged. Butler immediately proceeded onto the ice for John, but before reaching him, he too broke through the ice. Then making his way to John, Butler attempted repeatedly to push him onto solid ice but could not. Losing strength himself, Butler maintained a hold on John with one arm while using the other to break a path through the ice toward shore. When they reached wadable water near shore, Butler lifted John onto solid ice then climbed from the lake himself. John was hospitalized two weeks for treatment of hypothermia and pneumonia, and he recovered.

68480-7877

RAYMOND CONRAD CARMAN
CLEARLAKE, CALIFORNIA

Raymond Conrad Carman saved Shaun R. Crabtree from drowning, Clearlake, California, February 26, 1993. Shaun, 12, fell into Clear Lake and was being swept by a swift current toward the upstream face of Cache Creek Dam. All of the dam's gates were open, as was one of two spillways. The force of the water through the submerged gates created a vortex in the water above each gate at the face of the dam. Carman, 49, the dam tender, was alerted to Shaun's plight. He immediately launched a 14-foot boat that was at the scene and, using only the single oar available to him, guided the boat toward Shaun. Shaun, meanwhile, had been carried by the current to the dam, where he submerged briefly at the gate adjacent to the open spillway. He held to a metal rod affixed to the face of the dam. Carman positioned the boat over the vortex, then, holding to the boat with one hand, he grasped Shaun with the other and pulled him into the boat. Carman then pushed off the face of the dam with his hands and paddled against the

current to take the boat away from the dam and back to the bank. Shaun required hospital treatment for hypothermia, and he recovered.

67651-7826

TIMOTHY CHAFIN
IAEGER, WEST VIRGINIA

Timothy Chafin saved Shauna Dotson from being struck by a train, Iaeger, West Virginia, March 31, 1993. Ms. Dotson, 19, was the driver of a pickup truck that became stranded by traffic on a track of a railroad crossing. A train approached the crossing on that track at about 25 m.p.h. Working nearby, Chafin, 32, track maintenance foreman, became aware of the situation and immediately ran to the driver's side of the truck, putting himself between the approaching train and the truck. With the train bearing down on them at slightly diminished speed, Chafin opened the door, grasped an immobilized Ms. Dotson, and pulled her out of the truck. Running, he carried her away from the truck seconds before the train struck and destroyed it.

67787-7823

PATRICK J. CYR
SACO, MAINE

Patrick J. Cyr saved Mark A. Hoglund, Jr., and Brittany R. Hoglund from drowning, Saco, Maine, May 28, 1994. Mark, 3, and his sister Brittany, 1, were in a van which entered the Saco River and sank in water about 17 feet deep. Cyr, 20, college student, who lived near the scene, was alerted to the situation. He immediately entered the river and swam out about 20 feet, to where he saw bubbles at the surface of the water. Cyr submerged, located the van, and felt around it for access, finding an open door on the passenger side. Cyr reached inside the van and grasped Mark's leg, then pulled Mark from the van and surfaced with him. He took Mark back to the bank and handed him over to others, who attempted to revive him. Cyr returned to the van and, seeing Brittany in the rear, entered it fully and removed her. Surfacing, he took Brittany to the bank, where she was revived. The children were hospitalized; uninjured, Brittany was released later that day, but Mark was detained five months for treatment of the effects of his ordeal.

68747-7881

MARTY RAY DAVIS
BORING, OREGON

Marty Ray Davis helped attempt to rescue Brian S. Shefler from assault, Boring, Oregon, July 4, 1993. Shefler, 23, was visiting his girlfriend in her and her stepfather's house when, without provocation, the girlfriend's stepfather began to stab him. The girlfriend ran from the house and alerted a neighbor, Davis, 31, millwright. Davis responded to the house, then entered and saw the assailant stabbing Shefler on a stairway landing. After the girlfriend ran down the stairs and attempted to pull the assailant off Shefler, Davis descended the stairs, grasped the assailant's knife hand, and released the knife from the assailant's grasp. He then took the knife from the house and secured it. The assailant left the house but was detained by Davis and another neighbor until he was apprehended by police, who arrived shortly. Shefler died of his stab wounds. 68604-7854

MICHAEL W. DIRKS, DECEASED
PORTLAND, OREGON

Michael W. Dirks died attempting to save Nolan Ventura from drowning, Portland, Oregon, August 9, 1993. Ventura, 18, was tossing a football with friends in wadable water of the Columbia River when he stepped into deeper water and struggled to stay afloat. One of his friends attempted a rescue but returned to the bank. Dirks, 31, was walking along the bank. He removed his boots, entered the river, and swam to Ventura, who greatly outweighed him. A struggle ensued, and both submerged and did not re-surface. Dirks's body was shortly recovered from the river, and Ventura's was found three days later. Both had drowned. 68063-7851

GEORGE R. DOWSE, SR., DECEASED
ILE DES CHENES, MANITOBA

George R. Dowse, Sr., died attempting to rescue George R. Dowse, Jr., from burning, Niverville, Manitoba, February 21, 1994. At night, George, 10, was asleep in his second-floor bedroom of his family's house when fire broke out in the basement. His father, Dowse, 37, asleep in a first-floor bedroom, awoke and discovered the fire. He alerted other family members

and told them to flee the house, which was filled with dense smoke. Realizing that George was unaccounted for, Dowse turned and was last seen running upstairs. The house was shortly engulfed in flames. Dowse and George perished in the fire, their bodies later found near the back door.

68569-7868

JOEL A. FABER
PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA

Joel A. Faber helped to save April A. Boone from drowning, Holland, Michigan, July 29, 1993. April, 14, was swimming in Lake Michigan when she was pulled farther out from shore by a strong undertow. She lost consciousness and floated face down. Swimming closer to shore, Faber, 23, teacher, was alerted, and he immediately swam out to her. He turned her over and began to swim toward shore with her, calling for help as he fought the undertow. A woman swam out to them and held onto April, allowing Faber to rest; the woman then returned to shore, alerting additional help. Four teen-aged boys responded with body boards. They placed April on one of the boards and Faber, who was nearly exhausted, on another and took them the rest of the way to shore. Both April and Faber had to be helped out of the lake, and they were given oxygen at the scene. April required hospital treatment. Both recovered.

68082-7850

LATONYA S. FARMER, DECEASED
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

LaTonya S. Farmer died after saving De-Janelle L. and Tiffany M. Lockett from burning, Lawrence, Kansas, January 17, 1993. De-Janelle, 2, and her sister Tiffany, 4, were spending the night in a bedroom of their grandmother's second-floor apartment when fire broke out in another unit of the two-story building. The fire filled the grandmother's apartment with smoke and blocked its sole exit door. The girls' aunt, LaTonya, 17, high school student, also was in the bedroom and was alerted to the fire. Rather than escape the apartment through a window in the bedroom, LaTonya secured De-Janelle, Tiffany, and their older sister and lowered De-Janelle and Tiffany through the window to safety. She then lost consciousness and was found at the base of the window along with the other girl by firefighters who arrived shortly.

De-Janelle and Tiffany were taken to the hospital for observation but were not injured. Their sister survived, but LaTonya and another girl in the apartment died of effects of the fire.

67477-7855

MICHAEL P. FETCHEL
SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY

Michael P. Fetchel helped to rescue a woman from assault, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, June 28, 1993. While at work, a 30-year-old woman entered her office, where a man armed with a gun was waiting for her. Pursued by the man, she fled to the hall but fell to the floor. The assailant aimed the gun at her and pulled the trigger, but the gun malfunctioned. One of the woman's co-workers, Fetchel, 30, data analyst, responded from his adjacent office and pushed the assailant back into the woman's office, allowing the woman to flee. Another co-worker joined him, and they began to struggle with the assailant as the office door closed, locking automatically from inside. The struggle continued for a few minutes, until Fetchel and the other man gained control of the gun, which the other man then removed from the office. Police arrived shortly and arrested the assailant.

68359-7832

CHRISTIAN J. FETTEROLF
LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK

Christian J. Fetterolf rescued Dawn M. Queally from assault, New York, New York, May 12, 1993. Ms. Queally, 24, was descending the stairs of a subway station when a man reached over and removed some of her jewelry. She began to struggle with the man. Fetterolf, 24, college student, also was descending the stairs when he witnessed the assault. He immediately ran to Ms. Queally and fought the assailant. They fell down the stairs. During the struggle, the assailant produced a knife with a six-inch blade and stabbed Fetterolf repeatedly; Ms. Queally also sustained a knife wound. The assailant fled but was later apprehended. Fetterolf was hospitalized a week for treatment, including surgery, of his stab wounds. Both he and Ms. Queally recovered.

67767-7818

MATTHEW J. FLAKOWICZ
SUFFERN, NEW YORK

Matthew J. Flakowicz saved Kevin and Clifford Beauchard from burning, Suffern, New York, February 8, 1994. Brothers Kevin, 8 months old, and Clifford, 2, were in their family's two-story apartment after fire erupted on the first floor, in a closet below the stairs to the second floor. Flakowicz, 36, field interviewer, who lived in an adjacent apartment, learned of the fire and responded to the scene. He entered the apartment, where flames had spread from the closet, reaching the bannister of the stairway. Dense, black smoke issued to the second floor, where it precluded visibility. Flakowicz climbed the stairs, then heard the boys crying in one of the bedrooms. Guided only by the sound of their voices, he entered a bedroom where he found Kevin, then Clifford. With both boys in his arms, he retraced his steps to the stairway and then down to the first floor, having to turn from flames on the bannister. Bending under flames that were spreading across the ceiling, Flakowicz left the house with the boys. Both boys were hospitalized for smoke inhalation, and Kevin died 12 days later. Flakowicz also received hospital treatment for smoke inhalation. 68571-7875

CRAIG R. GARNER
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

Craig R. Garner helped attempt to rescue Kelly J. Korzan from assault, Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 30, 1993. Ms. Korzan, 34, and her two small children were in a van parked in the attached garage of the family's house when her estranged husband, also in the van, doused them with gasoline and threatened to set the van afire. A neighbor, Garner, 35, furnace installer, heard Ms. Korzan calling for help and ran to the garage, as did two other neighbors. Positioning himself in the narrow space between the passenger side of the van and the garage wall, Garner opened the van's side door and ordered the assailant to release Ms. Korzan. He then prodded the assailant with a tool handle while one of the other neighbors, who had entered the rear of the van, grasped the assailant. As that neighbor secured the assailant, Garner helped Ms. Korzan to flee the van, and the second neighbor joined them and aided Ms. Korzan toward the garage door. The assailant suddenly broke free and lit a lighter, causing Ms. Korzan and the van to burst into flame. She, Garner, and the two neighbors ran from the

garage, as had the children, who sustained minor injury. Ms. Korzan and the assailant were fatally burned. Garner sustained minor burns to his hand and neck; he recovered in about one month. 68055-7820

RAYMOND J. GIONET
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

Raymond J. Gionet helped attempt to rescue Kelly J. Korzan from assault, Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 30, 1993. Ms. Korzan, 34, and her two small children were in a van parked in the attached garage of the family's house when her estranged husband, also in the van, doused them with gasoline and threatened to set the van afire. A neighbor, Gionet, 37, towing company manager, heard a commotion and ran to the garage, as did two other neighbors. One of the neighbors entered the rear of the van and grasped the assailant. Gionet joined the other neighbor in the narrow space between the passenger side of the van and the garage wall. There, they helped Ms. Korzan toward the garage door after she escaped the van through a side door. The assailant suddenly broke free and lit a lighter, causing Ms. Korzan and the van to burst into flame. She, Gionet, and the two neighbors ran from the garage, as had the children, who sustained minor injury. Ms. Korzan and the assailant were fatally burned. Gionet required hospital treatment for first- and second-degree burns, to his neck and left hand. He recovered. 67878-7822

JANEAN RANAE GUERRA, DECEASED
STERLING, COLORADO

Janean RaNae Guerra died attempting to save Michael A. Chavez from drowning, Sterling, Colorado, June 22, 1993. Michael, 3, and other family members were boating on the North Sterling Reservoir when he fell out of the boat into water about 10 feet deep. His cousin, Janean, 11, student, immediately dived into the water and swam to him. They struggled, and Janean called for help. Responding to her cries, the children's grandfather dived into the water and swam to them, but, despite his efforts, all three submerged and drowned. 67923-7806

NORMAN W. HALES
MOOSE JAW, SASKATCHEWAN

Norman W. Hales saved Chad D. Colenutt from drowning, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, July 16, 1993. Chad, 11, was thrown into the rain-swollen Moose Jaw River after the golf cart in which he had been riding was swept from a flooded crossing. He became caught in the turbulent water beside the crossing. Golfing with friends on the opposite bank, Hales, 36, firefighter, saw the accident and immediately went to the river. He removed his shoes, entered the water, and swam across the turbulence to Chad. He grasped Chad by an arm but then became caught in the turbulence himself. Hales submerged in an attempt to push off the floor of the river but could not reach it, and efforts to swim out of the turbulence to either bank also failed. Hales then swam downstream to escape the turbulence and to a bank of the river, where a friend, who had also entered the water to assist Chad, removed Chad from the river. Chad was taken to the hospital for observation. Hales was nearly exhausted, but he recovered. 68276-7852

RONALD HARDEE
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

Ronald Hardee saved Brandon S. Johnson from burning, Newport News, Virginia, March 3, 1993. Brandon, 1, was in a bedroom of his family's ground-floor apartment after fire erupted in the adjoining living room. Hardee, 40, house painter, was driving past the scene when he saw smoke issuing from the apartment building. After learning that Brandon remained inside, Hardee climbed through a window into Brandon's bedroom and crawled through dense smoke in search of him. He found Brandon on the floor, then picked him up, returned to the window, and handed him out to another man before leaving the apartment himself. Brandon was hospitalized several days for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he recovered.

67619-7840

RONNY DALE HARRIS, JR.
MENDENHALL, MISSISSIPPI

Ronny Dale Harris, Jr., rescued Brandy G. Bush from burning, Florence, Mississippi, December 30, 1993. Brandy, 3, was inside her family's mobile home after fire broke out in the living room. Unable to reach Brandy through flames, her mother fled the mobile home and shouted for help. A neighbor, Harris, 28, mechanic, responded. Despite blistering heat and dense smoke, which precluded visibility, in the mobile home, Harris entered through its front door and called to Brandy. Hearing Brandy make a sound, Harris lunged toward her, taking her to the floor. He then picked her up and, crouching, started back to the door, the frame of which was aflame. Before they reached the door, Harris broke through the floor. He threw Brandy through the door to safety before freeing himself and fleeing, the back of his shirt aflame. Brandy was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns. Harris required hospital treatment for second-degree burns to 16 percent of his body, including his back. He missed five days of work but fully recovered.

68465-7880

ELVIRA JACQUETTE, DECEASED
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Elvira Jacquette died after attempting to rescue Byron D. Jacquette and Sean J. McCune from burning, Beaumont, Texas, January 22, 1993. Byron, 3, and his cousin, Sean, 4, were on the second floor of their grandparents' two-story house when fire erupted at the top of the stairway. From the kitchen on the first floor, their grandmother, Ms. Jacquette, 69, retired cook, went upstairs immediately on learning of the fire. As spreading flames blocked her and the boys' return to the first floor, they sought refuge in one of the second-floor bedrooms. Firefighters arrived and removed them from the house, and they were hospitalized. Byron and Sean died shortly of effects of the fire, and Ms. Jacquette died early the next morning of smoke inhalation.

76518-7792

DOUGLAS S. JONES

SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

Douglas S. Jones saved Kenneth R. Grant from burning, Summer Lake, Oregon, September 30, 1993. Grant, 76, was the driver of a motor home that traveled off a narrow gravel road, overturned onto its passenger side, and caught fire. After observing the accident, Jones, 33, disabled driller's helper, immediately ran to the scene and climbed onto the driver's side of the motor home. He opened the driver's door, then, kneeling, reached inside and released Grant's seatbelt. Although under physical restrictions because of a disabling back injury, Jones pulled Grant from the motor home, then handed him down to Jones's father, who also responded to the scene. Jones then jumped to the ground, over spreading flames, and helped his father walk Grant to the road. The motor home and the pickup truck it was towing were destroyed by fire.

68239-7874

WILLIAM R. JOYNER

FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA

William R. Joyner rescued Harold W. Peavy, Sr., from assault, Fort Valley, Georgia, January 14, 1994. After going to his car, which was parked in the lot of a bank, Peavy, 83, was approached by a man who was carrying an 18-inch machete. The man forced his way into the car and, in an ensuing struggle with Peavy, struck him with the machete, inflicting cuts to his hands and arms. In his vehicle parked nearby, Joyner, 36, animal control officer, saw the assault. He immediately ran to Peavy's car and grasped the assailant. As Joyner and the assailant then struggled, the assailant struck Joyner with the handle of the machete. The assailant escaped Joyner's grasp and fled but was apprehended by police who arrived shortly. Peavy was taken to the emergency room, where his lacerations were sutured. Joyner also was treated at the emergency room, for contusions. Both men recovered.

68464-7872

JAMES EDWARD KAMPELA
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

James Edward Kampela rescued Marshall M. Rogalski from assault, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Friday, December 11, 1992. Ms. Rogalski, 26, was approaching her car, parked in the lot of a supermarket, when a deranged man, in a random attack, accosted her and began to stab her. Screaming, Ms. Rogalski was forced to the pavement. Kampela, 26, shipper and receiver, was sitting in his car, parked nearby, when he witnessed the assault. He immediately ran to the scene and, approaching the assailant, pushed him away from Ms. Rogalski. The assailant then swung his knife at Kampela. Kampela ordered the assailant to drop the weapon, and, after a moment's hesitation, he did so. Ms. Rogalski fled to the supermarket, where she received emergency care before being taken to the hospital, where she was admitted for treatment of multiple stab wounds. Kampela detained the assailant until police arrived shortly and arrested him. 68585-7871

JOHN P. KAVANAGH III
NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

John P. Kavanagh III helped to save Ella M. Bowman from drowning, High Point, North Carolina, April 16, 1993. Ms. Bowman, 62, was the driver of a station wagon that was washed from a flooded highway into an adjacent creek before dawn. Swollen by heavy rain, the creek was 12 feet deep, its current fast, and the water, muddy. Kavanagh, 37, sales manager, saw the accident and immediately waded and swam to the car. Unable to open its doors as the car began to sink nose first, Kavanagh told Ms. Bowman to get into the rear of the car. A man who then arrived at the scene obtained a hammer from a nearby residence and swam out to the car with it. After he broke the car's rear window with the hammer, he and Kavanagh, from their perch atop the car's submerged rear bumper, secured a hold on Ms. Bowman and, as the car submerged completely, took her back to the bank, then to the nearby house. Ms. Bowman was treated at the hospital for minor injuries, from which she recovered. Kavanagh recovered from contusions to his arms. 67691-7795

FRANKIE J. KENNEDY

ELCO, PENNSYLVANIA

Frankie J. Kennedy helped to save a woman from drowning, Niagara Falls, New York, June 14, 1993. A 36-year-old woman entered the Niagara River about 300 feet above the American Falls in a suicide attempt and was quickly carried downstream by the extremely swift current. A tourist, Kennedy, 36, plumber, was viewing the falls from an observation area behind a railing when his attention was directed to the woman. He immediately jumped the railing and ran to the water's edge. From a point about 25 feet above the falls, Kennedy reached out from the bank for the woman, but she was beyond his grasp. He then ran downstream, closer to the falls, and again reached for her. He grasped her by the arm and maintained his hold while others who had followed him to the bank pulled her from the river at a point about eight feet from the brink of the falls. 67887-7867

PAUL J. LESSARD

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Paul J. Lessard helped to save Ella M. Bowman from drowning, High Point, North Carolina, April 16, 1993. Ms. Bowman, 62, was the driver of a station wagon that was washed from a flooded highway into an adjacent creek before dawn. Swollen by heavy rain, the creek was 12 feet deep, its current fast, and the water, muddy. Lessard, 35, sales manager, drove upon the scene, where a man who had swum out to the car told him to get something with which to break a window of the car. Lessard obtained a hammer from a nearby residence and swam to the car with it. After mounting the submerged rear bumper of the sinking car, he broke out the back window with the hammer. Lessard and the other man then secured a hold on Ms. Bowman and, as the car submerged completely, took her back to the bank, then to the nearby house. Ms. Bowman was treated at the hospital for minor injuries, from which she recovered. Lessard recovered from cuts to his hands. 67692-7796

GARY S. LINKHORST, DECEASED
TAMAQUA, PENNSYLVANIA

Gary S. Linkhorst died after attempting to save John J. Klein from electrocution, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1993. Klein, 36, was shocked when he made contact with his motor home, which had become electrified, and he lost consciousness. After disconnecting the vehicle from the power source, his wife alerted their neighbor and friend, Linkhorst, 41, machinist, to the situation. Although he had a history of heart disease, including having suffered a heart attack four years earlier, Linkhorst immediately began to apply cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts to Klein. He continued the attempt for several minutes, until emergency medical technicians arrived. Linkhorst then sat down but, moments later, suddenly collapsed. Neither man could be revived; Klein had been electrocuted and Linkhorst died of a heart attack. 68017-7876

DAVID MATTHEWS
CLIFTON, IDAHO

David Matthews attempted to save Anthony D. Weeks from being struck by a train, Weston, Idaho, October 16, 1993. Weeks, 24, was the driver of a pickup truck that, at night, became stuck on a railroad track. Matthews, 26, an off-duty deputy sheriff who had been traveling in the area, alerted authorities. Matthews then became aware that a train, traveling at 79 m.p.h., was approaching on the track. He got out of his vehicle, went to the truck, and opened its passenger door. With the train bearing down on him, Matthews went to the driver's side of the truck and opened that door just moments before the train, then in emergency braking, struck the truck, knocking it off the track. Weeks was found nearby; although injured, he survived. Matthews, who had been thrown from the track, was hospitalized in critical condition and required surgery for severe injuries. 68241-7873

JOSEPH DOUGLAS McKAY
ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Joseph Douglas McKay saved Rebecca Zamarripa and Claire L. Mora-Zamarripa from burning, New Westminster, British Columbia, August 13, 1993. Rebecca, 1, and her mother, Ms. Mora-Zamarripa, 29, were in the bedrooms of their seventh-floor apartment when fire erupted in the living room at night. McKay, 30, ice packer, who lived in an adjacent apartment, learned of the fire and responded to the burning apartment, entering it. Dense smoke was filling the apartment, and heat was intense. McKay crawled into Rebecca's bedroom, found her in a crib, and took her outside the apartment, then returned for her mother. Again crawling, he went into Ms. Mora-Zamarripa's bedroom and found her lying in bed, showing no sign of consciousness. McKay picked her up and carried her out of the bedroom and from the apartment to safety. All three required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation. 68094-7849

BRIAN D. McLAUGHLIN
LAKEVILLE, NEW BRUNSWICK

Brian D. McLaughlin rescued Susan B., Laura K., and Molly A. Gallivan from assault, Lakeville, New Brunswick, February 19, 1993. Ms. Gallivan, 30, was home at night in a rural area with her daughters, Laura, four months old, and Molly, 3, when a man armed with an ax and a loaded handgun broke into the house. Ms. Gallivan telephoned her neighbor, McLaughlin, 39, farm laborer, who lived about a quarter-mile away. McLaughlin immediately drove to the scene, where the assailant was about to abduct Ms. Gallivan and Laura at gunpoint. When McLaughlin entered the house, the assailant pointed the gun at him. The men conversed, McLaughlin offering to drive the assailant away in exchange for him allowing Ms. Gallivan and her children to remain at home. The assailant agreed. At gunpoint, McLaughlin drove the assailant about 50 miles over the course of an hour before police stopped the vehicle and arrested the assailant. 68206-7838

JOHN McPECK
LONDON, ONTARIO

John McPeck saved Micheal G. Bungay from drowning, London, Ontario, January 30, 1994. Micheal, 6, and a friend called for help from open water of the partially frozen Thames River. Their cries attracted the attention of McPeck, 55, college professor, who was walking along the river's opposite bank. McPeck ran a mile to the scene, where Micheal was holding to a branch of a downed tree that extended into the river. McPeck climbed along the tree toward Micheal, who was about 35 feet from the bank, and when it appeared to him that the outer branches of the tree would not support his weight, he jumped into the frigid river and swam to Micheal, who by then showed no sign of life. After McPeck freed Micheal's grasp of the tree, both were carried downstream by a swift current toward the edge of solid ice that spanned the river. Fearing entrapment beneath the ice, McPeck, holding Micheal, swam back toward the tree. After some difficulty, he pushed Micheal atop solid ice bordering the bank of the river, then pulled himself out of the open water. An arriving police officer crawled partway onto the ice, and McPeck pushed Micheal to him. The officer took Micheal to the bank, where he was revived. McPeck returned to the bank unaided. Hospitalized overnight for hypothermia, Micheal recovered. The body of his friend was recovered from the river weeks later. 68457-7861

JACKIE R. MEDLEY
VERSAILLES, MISSOURI

Jackie R. Medley saved Johnny W. Wilson from burning, Versailles, Missouri, February 3, 1993. Wilson, 29, was asleep in his bedroom after fire broke out in the living room of his mobile home and spread. After others attempted unsuccessfully to rescue him, a neighbor, Medley, 42, disabled truck driver, entered the smoke-filled mobile home through its back door and crawled into Wilson's bedroom. With visibility restricted by the smoke, Medley located Wilson in his bed, then pulled him to the floor and dragged him out of the mobile home through the rear door. The structure was shortly engulfed in flame. Both Wilson and Medley were treated for smoke inhalation, and they recovered. 67531-7817

DONALD F. MELANSON
MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Donald F. Melanson helped to rescue Daniel J. E. Williams from burning, Moncton, New Brunswick, October 16, 1992. Williams, 30, lay on the floor of the living room of his basement apartment after fire erupted in the adjoining kitchen and filled the apartment with dense, black smoke. A neighbor, Melanson, 44, off-duty firefighter, entered the apartment and, crawling, searched for Williams. Guided by his moaning, Melanson located Williams, then grasped him and pulled him to the door. Firefighters arrived shortly and removed Williams to safety. Williams was seriously burned and required lengthy hospitalization. Melanson suffered ill effects from exposure to smoke, causing him to seek medical treatment. Both men recovered.

68209-7857

ERIC R. MESSENGER
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Eric R. Messenger saved Celia A. Miluszewski from burning, Erie, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1993. Before dawn, Ms. Miluszewski, 97, was asleep in a first-floor bedroom of her house when fire broke out in a small room off the kitchen. Working in the neighborhood, Messenger, 26, refuse driver, and his co-workers discovered the fire. They responded to the scene and awakened Ms. Miluszewski's grandson by pounding on a side door. Learning that Ms. Miluszewski was in her bedroom, Messenger went to that room and picked her up. He attempted to retrace his steps to the side door, but worsening smoke and flames blocked his course. After returning to the bedroom for less-smoky air, Messenger made repeated attempts through the smoke-filled living room to locate the front door. Guided by his co-workers, he carried Ms. Miluszewski toward the door. His co-workers took her to safety. Ms. Miluszewski was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation. Messenger was hospitalized a day for treatment of smoke inhalation, and he received minor burns to his face. He recovered.

67772-7815

JOHN A. MESSINA
CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK

John A. Messina helped to save Elmer W. and Martha J. Clark from drowning, Canandaigua, New York, October 29, 1993. Clark, 83, and his daughter, Martha, 37, were in the front seat of a station wagon that dropped from a pier into Canandaigua Lake and began to submerge. From nearby, Messina, 32, landscaper, saw the accident. He immediately jumped from the pier into the lake and attempted to open the car's passenger doors. Another man arrived and broke the back window of the car. Messina climbed through that window into the car, which was filling with water, and moved toward the front. He grasped Ms. Clark and pulled her to the back window, where the other man helped to remove her from the car. Messina returned toward the front of the car. He grasped Clark and moved him to the back window, where the other man assisted in removing Clark from the car. Messina exited the car, which then completely submerged. A boat arrived shortly and took Clark and his daughter to safety. The fire department then arrived and lowered a ladder into the water, enabling Messina and the other man to climb out of the lake. Clark and his daughter were treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and they recovered. Messina also received hospital treatment for hypothermia, and he sustained lacerations to his arms. He too recovered.

68295-7844

THOMAS J. MOORE, SR.
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Thomas J. Moore, Sr., helped to rescue Henry M. Ingram from burning, Gill, Massachusetts, October 25, 1993. Ingram, 79, was in a bedroom on the second floor of his two-story house when fire broke out in that room. A neighbor, Moore, 45, teacher, was alerted to the fire. He ran to the burning house, entered, and climbed the stairs to the second floor, where he searched for Ingram, but he was driven back down the stairs partway by dense smoke and intense heat. After hearing Ingram and seeing him through the bannister, Moore ascended the stairs again, then got down on the floor and moved through a hall to Ingram's bedroom. Partially entering the burning bedroom, Moore grasped Ingram by an ankle and pulled him into the hall and toward the stairs. When Ingram's foot became caught in the bannister, Moore called to his daughter for help, and she responded. Freed,

Ingram was aided to the first floor and outside to safety. He sustained first- and second-degree burns which required him to be hospitalized. He recovered. Moore sustained a minor burn to his elbow and smoke inhalation, and he singed his hair and eyebrows. He too recovered. 68270-7848

RAYMOND MOREHOUSE
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Raymond Morehouse saved Tracey Miller and Charles Holtgrewe from burning, Tucson, Arizona, December 31, 1992. Ms. Miller, 23; her son, Charles, 3, and her two other children were in a bedroom of a friend's one-story house when fire broke out in the living room at night. A neighbor, Morehouse, 28, plant manager, responded to the scene and learned that they had not escaped. Unable to enter the house through its doors because of spreading flames, Morehouse broke a window to Ms. Miller's bedroom and yelled to her. Shortly she appeared at the window and handed one of her children out to Morehouse. When Ms. Miller herself did not exit, Morehouse climbed into the bedroom, located her, and pushed her through the window. After exiting for air, Morehouse re-entered the bedroom and crawled to a bed, where he found Charles. He took Charles to the window and passed him outside. Weakened by fire conditions, Morehouse exited the house and lay on the ground. He alerted arriving firefighters to the third child, who was then rescued by them. Ms. Miller and the children were treated at the hospital, and Morehouse was treated at the scene for cuts, minor burns, and smoke inhalation, from which he recovered.

67386-7800

JERRY L. MORGAN
LENA, MISSISSIPPI

Jerry L. Morgan rescued Fernandez M. Brown from burning, Lena, Mississippi, February 19, 1993. Fernandez, 3, and his two younger sisters were in a bedroom of their family's mobile home when fire accidentally broke out in that room and spread. Morgan, 41, construction worker, and another man were driving nearby when they saw the burning mobile home; flames then issued from its roof and windows. Learning from the children's mother that Fernandez and his sisters were still inside, Morgan and the other man

entered the children's bedroom through a door in its outside wall, but they were driven out by the heat and smoke. Morgan re-entered the room and searched for the children but again was driven out by conditions. He entered a third time and, hearing a sound at one end of the room, moved in that direction. He located Fernandez, who was not breathing, then picked him up and returned to the door, where he handed Fernandez to the other man, who revived him. Morgan penetrated the room again to search for Fernandez's sisters but was driven out by the smoke and blistering heat. Fernandez was hospitalized three days for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns to his head, and he recovered. Morgan sustained minor smoke inhalation from which he recovered. 67572-7802

GREGORY MOTT

EUCLID, OHIO

Gregory Mott saved Ashley R. and Justin N. Hukill from burning, Cleveland, Ohio, December 3, 1993. Ashley, 2, and her brother, Justin, 3, were at the home of a relative when fire erupted in the living room. At work in the neighborhood, Mott, 33, service installer, responded to the scene and learned that children remained inside the burning house. Seeing a cat in the kitchen below the dense smoke, which extended almost to the floor, Mott entered the house and crawled into the kitchen, where he found Ashley, who was semiconscious. He grasped her and returned outside with her, then re-entered the kitchen and located Justin, who also was semiconscious. Mott removed Justin to the outside shortly before flames spread to the kitchen. Ashley and Justin were hospitalized for smoke inhalation, and they recovered, but four other children died in the fire. Mott was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. 68313-7869

JEREMY MICHAEL NAGEL
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Jeremy Michael Nagel rescued Aaron R. Kalanish from assault, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1993. Aaron, 15, and Jeremy, 17, high school students, were walking along a street at night when two teen-age boys approached and demanded money. Jeremy fled, but the assailants took Aaron into an adjacent parking lot and began to beat him. After running to a nearby service station to alert help, Jeremy ran to the parking lot and approached the assailants. He struck one of them; the other produced a revolver and shot Jeremy repeatedly in the back. The assailants then fled. Aaron sustained lacerations and contusions, from which he recovered. Jeremy required extensive hospitalization for treatment of his wounds, which paralyzed him.

67958-7824

BRIAN EUGENE NEWBANKS
MINERALWELLS, WEST VIRGINIA

Brian Eugene Newbanks saved Mindy L. Dulaney from burning, Mineralwells, West Virginia, September 14, 1993. Mindy, 2, was in a bedroom of a mobile home after fire erupted in a room nearby. A neighbor, Newbanks, 18, laborer, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene, where he learned that Mindy remained inside the burning mobile home. He climbed through a window into her bedroom, where dense smoke rendered visibility nil. Newbanks groped in search of Mindy, having to return to the window for air repeatedly. After some moments, Mindy began to cry, enabling Newbanks to find her, on the floor. He picked her up, took her to the window, and handed her outside to safety, then climbed through the window himself. Mindy was uninjured, but Newbanks was examined for smoke inhalation at the emergency room. He recovered.

68170-7864

JAMES D. OLIVER
DUDLEY, MISSOURI

James D. Oliver rescued Joseph V. Willis from burning, Dudley, Missouri, March 24, 1993. Willis, 94, lay unconscious on the kitchen floor of his house after fire erupted in that room. Oliver, 46, social service assistant, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene, where he learned that Willis remained inside. Dense smoke issued from the house, and flames had spread to the outside. Twice Oliver entered the house, but each time he was driven back by the smoke and intense heat. Oliver then climbed through a living room window and, seeing Willis, crossed the room to him. He picked Willis up, carried him to the window, then handed him out to others before exiting the house himself. Although Willis was revived, he died of his injuries two days later. Oliver showed signs of smoke inhalation and had injured his shoulder, but he recovered. 67723-7819

PAUL H. PARDUN, DECEASED
ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

Paul H. Pardun died after helping to save Sheila E. Taylor from drowning, Rogersville, Tennessee, January 30, 1993. Ms. Taylor, 39, shouted for help as she was being carried downstream by the current of the Holston River. Traveling near the river, Pardun, 30, mechanic, saw her and approached the river bank. Removing his jacket and shoes, Pardun entered the water and waded and swam to Ms. Taylor. He grasped her and began to return to the bank with her as the current carried them downstream. When they were near the bank, arriving rescue personnel removed Ms. Taylor from the river. Pardun submerged and was carried farther downstream. His body was recovered from the river four weeks later. 67540-7798

KENT W. PARKS, DECEASED
TIPTON, IOWA

Kent W. Parks died attempting to help save Richard A. Buchmayer from drowning, Solon, Iowa, February 7, 1993. Buchmayer, 38, was walking on the north arm of ice-covered Lake Macbride when the ice beneath him gave way, immersing him in deep, frigid water at a point about 370 feet from shore. Other ice fishermen on the lake hurried toward him, including Parks, 29, construction worker. Although he was a nonswimmer, Parks crawled toward the edge of the open water but then also broke through the ice and was immersed. Other fishermen arrived with a ladder and extended it to them. Buchmayer was pulled from the open water to safety, but Parks submerged and drowned.

67527-7812

GARY PARSON
JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS

Gary Parson attempted to save Craig A. Brooks from falling, Jacksonville, Arkansas, March 5, 1993. In an episode the result of a medical condition, Craig, 17, ran from his school toward the edge of a balcony at a second-floor entrance to the building. Fearing that Craig would fall from the balcony to the concrete surface 15 feet below, Parson, 44, assistant principal at the school, ran from a point nearby to intercept him. He wrapped his arm around Craig's waist to pull him back, but Craig's momentum carried both over the railing atop the edge of the balcony. Maintaining his hold on Craig, Parson grasped the railing, and both were suspended momentarily. Unable to lift their combined weight of in excess of 400 pounds back up to the balcony, Parson lowered Craig as far as he could, then let him drop. Craig sustained only bruises. Parson then released his grip on the railing and dropped to the concrete. He sustained a fractured pelvis and severe fracturing to his left arm, which required surgery, and he was hospitalized nine days.

67697-7825

ROBERT M. PEDERSEN
CALGARY, ALBERTA

Robert M. Pedersen helped to save Brad L. Barnes, Tammy Gugyelka, Todd C. Goldade, and Carmen C. Heisler from burning, Empress, Alberta, November 12, 1993. Brad, 4, and his sister Carmen, 3, along with Ms. Gugyelka, 25, were trapped in a car driven by Goldade, 25, that caught fire after a highway accident. Another motorist, Pedersen, 34, video distributor, stopped at the scene and ran to the driver's side of the car. He kicked in the rear window on that side, then leaned into the car and pulled Brad out. Pedersen leaned into the car again and attempted to remove Carmen, but her feet were trapped between the seats. Ms. Gugyelka moved to the back seat after flames entered the front interior of the car, and Pedersen pulled her through the broken window. Another man opened the driver's door with a crowbar, freeing Goldade. With flames increasing in the car's interior, Pedersen stepped through the driver's door and grasped Carmen while the other man leaned through the broken window and also grasped her. They freed her and removed her from the car just moments before it was engulfed in flame, making impossible any attempt to remove another passenger, who died. The four rescued victims required hospitalization for their injuries. Pedersen sustained smoke inhalation; he recovered.

68347-7878

EBERHARD W. PFALLER
TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Eberhard W. Pfaller saved Elisabeth A. Hawkins from being struck by a train, Beverly, Massachusetts, July 10, 1993. Ms. Hawkins, 70, fell while crossing a railroad track on which a train was approaching at about 40 m.p.h. A friend who was in her party, Pfaller, 65, retired colonel, saw her fall and immediately ran to her. As the train, in emergency braking, bore down on them, Pfaller grasped Ms. Hawkins by the shoulders and dragged her from the track seconds before the front of the train passed them. The front of the train was well beyond the crossing when the train stopped. Ms. Hawkins recovered from minor injuries.

68022-7843

RICHARD A. PHILIBERT
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Richard A. Philibert rescued Jason S. Rowland from assault, Manchester, New Hampshire, September 6, 1992. Rowland, 21, was working behind the counter of a donut shop when a man approached and began to stab him. Philibert, 44, forklift operator, had just entered the shop when the assault began. He approached the counter and threw a napkin dispenser at the assailant, then mounted the counter and threw another object at him, but the assailant was not distracted. Philibert jumped to the floor behind the counter, charged the assailant, and took him to the floor, which enabled Rowland to flee. Philibert held the assailant to the floor until police arrived and disarmed and arrested him. Rowland was hospitalized a week for treatment of multiple stab wounds. Philibert sustained a sore shoulder, from which he recovered. 67901-7803

M. KATHLEEN PILKERTON, DECEASED
FISHERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

M. Kathleen Pilkerton died attempting to save Elizabeth A. Bishop from being struck by a train, Crozet, Virginia, November 21, 1993. Using a walker, Ms. Bishop, 81, was crossing a railroad track near the nursing home where she resided when she fell on the track. Ms. Pilkerton, 40, customer service representative who worked also at the home part-time as a receptionist, was alerted and went to the track. As she approached Ms. Bishop, a train, sounding its horn, appeared from around a curve in the track. Extending her arms, Ms. Pilkerton ran into the path of the train toward Ms. Bishop. The train struck and killed both women. 68299-7853

ROBERT DANIEL PLEFFNER
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

Robert Daniel Pleffner saved Zipporah T. Brewer and Chaya R. Grunwald from drowning, Kingston, New York, June 23, 1993. Zipporah, 14; Chaya, 13, and another girl were wading in a lagoon connected to the Hudson River when they lost their footing and were carried into deeper water farther into the lagoon by a strong tidal current. From nearby, Pleffner, 46, bus driver,

saw the girls struggling. He immediately ran to the lagoon, where he dived into the water and swam about 450 feet with the current to Zipporah and Chaya. Pleffner and the girls were carried to a point closer to the lagoon's opposite bank, where Pleffner pushed both girls, one at a time, to the rocks composing the bank before exiting the lagoon himself. He then ran along the bank to catch up to the third girl and re-entered the lagoon in an attempt to rescue her. By then, she had submerged; her body was recovered later that day. Zipporah and Chaya were taken to the hospital for treatment. Pleffner, nearly exhausted, was given oxygen at the scene. He continued to experience physical ill effects of the rescue, causing him to miss several days' work.

67950-7841

ROBERT PATRICK PORTER

POWELL, OHIO

Robert Patrick Porter saved David S. Hall from drowning, Marion, Ohio, March 20, 1993. David, 9, broke through ice on McKinley Park Lake about 40 feet from the bank and shouted for help. Porter, 32, physician, was driving nearby when he saw him. Porter ran to the bank and, after removing his boots and outer attire, began to break a path through the ice toward David. As he progressed, Porter lost his foothold in the deepening water and had to lunge upon the solid ice to break it. When he reached David, Porter grasped him around the chest and then swam back to the bank with him. Police officers who had arrived formed a chain and helped them out of the water. David was taken to the hospital for treatment, and he recovered. Porter recovered from lacerations to his chest and arms and contusions to his legs.

67682-7801

EMANUEL SAMUEL REEVES, DECEASED

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Emanuel Samuel Reeves died after helping to save Titus L. Peebles from drowning, Augusta, Georgia, June 12, 1993. Struggling in the water, Titus, 10, called for help from the deep end of a swimming pool. Reeves, 22, restaurant worker, who was nearby, jumped into the pool and pushed Titus toward the side, where he was aided from the pool. Reeves then encountered difficulty staying at the surface of the water; he submerged and resurfaced

repeatedly, then disappeared from view. He was pulled from the pool several minutes later but could not be revived. 67945-7860

RHONDA S. ROBBINS
BUCKSPORT, MAINE

Rhonda S. Robbins rescued Dezeray F. Robbins from burning, Ellsworth, Maine, November 14, 1993. Dezeray, 5, and another young child were in the bed of a parked pickup truck when fire broke out in the bed, which was capped. Ms. Robbins, 25, Dezeray's mother, was alerted to the fire and ran to the bed, which was filled with black smoke and flames. As the other child, aflame, had left the truck, Ms. Robbins assumed that Dezeray was inside. She climbed onto the tailgate and, crouching, walked through burning gasoline vapors to where she found Dezeray in a far corner of the bed. She grasped Dezeray but then became disoriented as she attempted to escape. After circling, Ms. Robbins went back to the tailgate and climbed from the truck with Dezeray. Dezeray was hospitalized three months for treatment of extensive burns and severe smoke inhalation. Ms. Robbins was hospitalized 24 days for treatment of smoke inhalation and second- and third-degree burns to 20 percent of her body. 68320-7863

COREY JAMES ROGERS
HOUMA, LOUISIANA

Corey James Rogers saved Melissa Richard from drowning, Houma, Louisiana, June 22, 1993. Ms. Richard, 19, was driving an automobile when it left the highway, overturned, and entered Bayou Terrebonne. The car, upside down, began to sink with Ms. Richard, unconscious, inside. From the opposite bank, Corey, 16, high school student, saw the accident. He immediately removed his outer attire, entered the bayou, and swam to the car, only the undercarriage of which remained above water. Corey submerged to open the car's passenger door, then he partially entered the car. Unable to locate anyone in the front of the car, Corey entered the car fully, then groped in the back-seat area and found Ms. Richard. He pulled her to him, then maneuvered backward out of the car and surfaced with her. He swam and waded to the closer bank of the bayou, towing Ms. Richard. Out of the water, Ms. Richard revived, then was taken to the hospital for

treatment of injuries sustained in the accident. Corey recovered from bruises and cuts.

67993-7834

DONALD L. SATTERLY, SR.
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Donald L. Satterly, Sr., rescued Amber R. Thomas and Patricia R. Hayes from burning, Louisville, Kentucky, September 2, 1993. Amber, 3, and her grandmother, Ms. Hayes, 41, were in Ms. Hayes's four-room house when fire broke out in the living room. A neighbor, Satterly, 45, saw smoke issuing from the house and went to the scene. After another man kicked open the front door and attempted a rescue, Satterly also entered, but he too was forced out by dense smoke. Crouching, Satterly re-entered the living room; he grasped Amber, who was several feet from the door, and exited the house with her. Despite rapidly worsening fire conditions, Satterly crawled back into the living room, grasped Ms. Hayes, who lay on the floor, and dragged her to the doorway, from which others removed her. Ms. Hayes was hospitalized for extensive second- and third-degree burns. Amber recovered from minor burns. Satterly sustained second-degree burns to both hands, for which he received hospital treatment, and smoke inhalation. He recovered.

68136-7842

CALVIN D. SAWYER
NORTH SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Calvin D. Sawyer rescued Cristal M. Harmon from attacking dogs, Salem, New Hampshire, October 13, 1993. Cristal, 13, was walking home from school when she was attacked by two mixed-breed dogs. She shouted for help. Driving nearby, Sawyer, 67, retired refrigeration technician, heard her scream, then stopped his car, exited, and approached the dogs. He shouted at them, then grasped the leash attached to one of them and took that dog into the street as Cristal climbed onto the hood of Sawyer's car. Both dogs attacked Sawyer, keeping him to the pavement as they inflicted severe bite wounds. An off-duty police officer, who had just passed the scene before the attack on Cristal, responded; he distracted the dogs, one of which then bit him. The dogs fled after the officer fired his service revolver. Cristal required hospital treatment for lacerations and bite wounds over her body; she

recovered. Sawyer was hospitalized overnight for treatment of his bite wounds, which required suturing. He recovered in about two months.

68257-7839

BRIAN L. SCHMELZER
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

Brian L. Schmelzer helped to save Brad L. Barnes, Tammy Gugyelka, Todd C. Goldade, and Carmen C. Heisler from burning, Empress, Alberta, November 12, 1993. Brad, 4, and his sister Carmen, 3, along with Ms. Gugyelka, 25, were trapped in a car driven by Goldade, 25, that caught fire after a highway accident. Another motorist kicked in the rear window on the driver's side of the car, pulled Brad and Ms. Gugyelka out, and gave them over to Schmelzer, 33, truck driver, who also was involved in the accident. Schmelzer retrieved a crowbar and fire extinguisher from his truck and fought the growing flames, then forced open the driver's door, freeing Goldade. With flames increasing in the car's interior, Schmelzer leaned through the broken window and grasped Carmen while the other man stepped through the driver's door and also grasped her. They freed her and removed her from the car just moments before it was engulfed in flame, making impossible any attempt to remove another passenger, who died. The four rescued victims required hospitalization for their injuries.

68346-7879

KIMBERLY J. SCHUTTLE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

Kimberly J. Schuttler attempted to rescue Josephine Adams and helped to rescue Joseph A. DeVito from a runaway automobile, Pompano Beach, Florida, November 11, 1992. Ms. Adams, 67, was the front-seat passenger of an automobile driven by DeVito, 75, when DeVito lost consciousness and slumped against the steering wheel. Ms. Adams called for help as the car continued on the six-lane highway. Ms. Schuttler, 28, pilot, was driving on the same highway; when she saw what was happening, she parked and ran after the runaway car. Ms. Adams opened the passenger door and exited the car as it traveled out of control. When Ms. Schuttler caught up to the car, she reached inside the open driver's window and turned the steering

wheel to keep the car from going into the lanes of oncoming traffic. A man from a nearby business saw what was happening and joined Ms. Schuttler at the car. As he attempted entry through the driver's window, the car headed toward a glass bus shelter along the highway. Again Ms. Schuttler reached inside the car and turned the steering wheel to keep the car from crashing. The man then entered the car and took it to a stop, at a point about a quarter-mile from where Ms. Schuttler had begun to chase it. Ms. Adams and DeVito were treated at a hospital and released. Ms. Schuttler had sore muscles and a bruised foot, and she recovered. 67301-7788

MILLARD G. SNYDER III
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

Millard G. Snyder III helped to rescue Joseph A. DeVito from a runaway automobile, Pompano Beach, Florida, November 11, 1992. DeVito, 75, was driving an automobile on a six-lane highway when he lost consciousness and slumped against the steering wheel. A woman who had observed the situation ran to the runaway car and steered it from going into lanes of oncoming traffic. Snyder, 29, automobile sales manager, witnessed the incident from the nearby dealership where he was employed; he too ran after the car. As the car was headed toward a glass bus shelter along the side of the highway, Snyder attempted to stop it by entering its open driver's window. He was knocked from the window and his foot run over by one of the car's rear tires when the car changed course. Again Snyder ran after the car; reaching it, he opened the driver's door, then jumped inside and took the car to a stop, at a point about a quarter-mile from where it had begun to travel out of control. DeVito was treated at a hospital and released. Snyder's foot was bruised, but he recovered. 67302-7789

MICHAEL A. SPINGOLA
NORTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Michael A. Spingola helped to rescue a woman from assault, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, June 28, 1993. While at work, a 30-year-old woman entered her office, where a man armed with a gun was waiting for her. Pursued by the man, she fled to the hall but fell to the floor. The assailant aimed the gun at her and pulled the trigger, but the gun malfunctioned. One of the

woman's co-workers then pushed the assailant back into the woman's office, allowing the woman to flee. Another co-worker, Spingola, 30, computer programmer, joined him, and they began to struggle with the assailant as the office door closed, locking automatically from inside. The struggle continued for a few minutes, until Spingola and the other man gained control of the gun, which Spingola then removed from the office. Police arrived shortly and arrested the assailant. 68360-7833

JAMES B. STEWART
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

James B. Stewart saved Vivian U. Farlow from burning, Bahama, North Carolina, March 28, 1993. Ms. Farlow, 48, was conscious but stunned inside her van which overturned onto its passenger side in a highway accident. Flames erupted in the engine compartment and extended from the wreckage at the front of the van. Stewart, 46, electrical technician, drove upon the scene and was alerted to the accident by another motorist. Stewart approached the van, then climbed atop its driver's side. After some difficulty, he opened the driver's door, then partially entered the van. He directed Ms. Farlow to release her safety belt, then pulled her out of the van. Shortly after they jumped to the ground, flames engulfed the front end of the van and spread to its interior. 67670-7797

JOHN C. STUBNER
WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS

John C. Stubner attempted to save Michael J. Deutsch from drowning, North Aurora, Illinois, June 9, 1993. Michael, 16, was rafting on the Fox River when he went over a dam and became caught in the boil of water below the dam. Stubner, 25, project manager, was on a jet ski farther downstream when he was alerted to the situation. Stubner approached the dam on his jet ski and went to Michael but was then thrown into the rough water. He was caught in the boil for about five minutes, then was seen floating face down in water away from the dam. His girlfriend immediately rode a jet ski to him. She turned him over and, aided by others, took him to the bank, where he was revived. Comatose, Stubner required extensive hospitalization and therapy for effects of nearly drowning, including limi-

tation of cognitive skills. Michael drowned; his body was recovered from the river five weeks later.

67951-7799

MICHAEL STUCKEY, DECEASED
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Michael Stuckey died after rescuing Susie Sloan from assault, San Francisco, California, December 20, 1993. While walking on a sidewalk, Ms. Sloan, 32, was approached by a man who threatened her with a knife then stabbed her repeatedly. As they struggled, a motorist, Stuckey, 23, computer programmer, got out of his car and approached. He shouted at the assailant to leave Ms. Sloan alone, then stepped between them. The assailant grasped Stuckey, then stabbed him in the chest and fled. Ms. Sloan and Stuckey were taken to the hospital, where Ms. Sloan was detained overnight for treatment of her wounds. Stuckey died of his wound within hours of the assault.

68371-7862

DAVID ANDREW TALBOT
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

David Andrew Talbot saved Brian S. Marcino from burning, Thunder Bay, Ontario, July 2, 1993. Following a highway accident at night, Marcino, 43, was unconscious in his inverted and burning pickup truck. One of the first approaching motorists, Talbot, 24, carpenter, stopped at the scene and ran to the truck when he learned that it was occupied. Although flames issued from the front and exposed underside of the truck, Talbot extended his upper body through the window of the driver's door into the cab, which also was burning. Talbot's shirt caught fire while he attempted to free Marcino from his seat belt. He withdrew from the vehicle to roll on the ground and remove the shirt, then he approached the truck again and re-entered through the window. He released Marcino's seat belt, then grasped Marcino by the arm and pulled him headfirst through the window, at which point he was aided by his stepmother in moving Marcino away from the truck. Very shortly, an explosion occurred at the truck. Marcino required hospitalization for treatment of his injuries. Talbot was hospitalized several days for treatment of burns to his face, back, shoulder, leg, and forearm. He recovered.

67982-7814

DENISE TERRY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Denise Terry helped to save Ronald D. Rawlings from drowning, Omaha, Nebraska, March 21, 1993. Ronald, 9, broke through ice on a lagoon in Benson Park and fell into the cold water. From nearby, Mrs. Terry, 37, phlebotomist and college student, saw him fall and, with her husband, immediately began to walk out on the ice toward him. After her husband broke through the ice en route and fell into the water, Mrs. Terry continued to Ronald, breaking through the ice twice herself. She threw Ronald one end of a length of rope that her husband had provided her and pulled Ronald out of the water. Firefighters arrived shortly and pulled Mrs. Terry's husband back to the bank. One of the firefighters took a rope out to Mrs. Terry and Ronald and secured them. As the three were then being pulled back in, they broke through the ice and fell into the water. The firefighter lifted Ronald onto solid ice, and he was pulled the remaining distance to the bank. That firefighter and Mrs. Terry were then pulled to the bank by means of another rope. Ronald and Mrs. Terry and her husband were taken to the hospital, where they were treated for hypothermia and scrapes. They recovered.

67668-7791

MICHAEL D. TERRY, SR.
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Michael D. Terry, Sr., helped to save Ronald D. Rawlings from drowning, Omaha, Nebraska, March 21, 1993. Ronald, 9, broke through ice on a lagoon in Benson Park and fell into the cold water. From nearby, Terry, 28, carpenter, saw him fall and, with his wife, immediately began to walk out on the ice toward him. En route, Terry also broke through the ice and fell into the water. As his wife continued to Ronald, Terry threw her a length of rope that he had been carrying, and she used it to pull Ronald out of the water. Firefighters arrived shortly. They threw one end of a rope to Terry and pulled him through the water and ice back to the bank. They then removed Ronald and Terry's wife from the ice. Ronald and Terry and his wife were taken to the hospital, where they were treated for hypothermia and scrapes. They recovered.

67667-7790

LUCY J. VALDEZ
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Lucy J. Valdez rescued Bianca Hernandez from assault, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2, 1993. Bianca, 1, and her mother were living with Ms. Valdez, 50, day care provider, and were at home when a man entered the house and argued with the mother. Producing a handgun, the man then seized Bianca and started to leave the house with her. Ms. Valdez approached them and pulled Bianca away from the assailant. When the assailant then aimed the gun at Bianca, Ms. Valdez turned to shield her with her own body, at which time the assailant fired, hitting Ms. Valdez in her side. The assailant fled the scene, abducting Bianca's mother, whom he detained for two days. Bianca was not injured. Ms. Valdez required hospitalization for treatment of her gunshot wound, which required surgery.

68289-7859

JAMES A. VANDERLINDEN, DECEASED
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

James A. VanderLinden died after attempting to save Matthew J. VanderLinden from burning, Kennewick, Washington, May 16, 1993. Matthew, 2, and his older brother shared the bedroom of a mobile home in which fire broke out early in the morning. The brother alerted their parents, who were asleep in the opposite end of the mobile home. Their father, VanderLinden, 21, car wash manager, immediately ran to the boys' room, which was engulfed in flame, and entered it. He emerged, badly burned, just before Matthew was found in the living room. The family fled the mobile home. Matthew required hospital treatment for minor smoke inhalation, from which he recovered. VanderLinden was hospitalized for severe burns to more than 90 percent of his body and died of effects of the ordeal two days later.

67839-7810

WILLIAM H. VAN DONGEN
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

William H. van Dongen helped attempt to rescue Kelly J. Korzan from assault, Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 30, 1993. Ms. Korzan, 34, and her two small children were in a van parked in the attached garage of the family's house when her estranged husband, also in the van, doused them with gasoline and threatened to set the van afire. A neighbor, van Dongen, 49, mechanic, was alerted to the situation and ran to the garage, as did two other neighbors. As Ms. Korzan struggled with the assailant, van Dongen entered the van through its rear doors and grabbed him; one of the other neighbors reached inside the van and prodded the assailant with a tool handle. Ms. Korzan escaped through a side door of the van. The two neighbors were helping her toward the garage door when the assailant suddenly broke free and lit a lighter, causing Ms. Korzan and the van to burst into flame. She, van Dongen, and the two neighbors ran from the garage, as had the children, who sustained minor injury. Ms. Korzan and the assailant were fatally burned. Van Dongen required hospital treatment for lacerations to his leg, from which he recovered. 68056-7821

BERNARDO VAZQUEZ
BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA

Bernardo Vazquez saved Jenny Duong, Sharon F. Phung, and Chuyen K. Nguyen from being struck by a train, City of Industry, California, September 6, 1993. Ms. Duong, 40; her daughter, Sharon, 10; Ms. Nguyen, 19, and another woman were occupants of an automobile that was stranded on a railroad track at night. A motorist driving past the scene, Vazquez, 29, bus driver, saw the car, then became aware of a train approaching on the same track. When the car did not move, Vazquez ran to it, shouting for the women to exit. He then opened the driver's door, grasped Ms. Duong, and pulled her out. With the train bearing down on them, Vazquez stepped into the back-seat area of the car, seized Ms. Nguyen, and pulled her out, and then he re-entered for Sharon and removed her from the back seat. The train then struck the car, which caught fire, and pushed it down the track, killing the other woman. 68127-7856

DANIEL S. VIANCOURT
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Daniel S. Viancourt helped to save Denzil R. Moss and helped attempt to save Nancy J. Moss from drowning and burning, Cleveland, Ohio, May 9, 1993. Moss, 24; his mother, 51, and other relatives were aboard a cabin cruiser docked at a restaurant on the bank of the Cuyahoga River. An explosion in the boat threw them into the water. Viancourt, 34, off-duty firefighter, and two of his brothers were nearby on the dock and witnessed the explosion. They ran to the boat, which had started to burn. One of Viancourt's brothers boarded the boat and recovered an infant from the debris and handed him to Viancourt. Flames grew on the boat, producing dense black smoke, and spread to the dock, restaurant, and a fuel slick on the water in the vicinity. After Moss was seen in the water at the rear of the burning boat, Viancourt and his brothers entered the river for him. Facing blistering heat, Viancourt approached Moss with a boathook, then snagged him and passed him to his brothers. They took Moss to a state patrol boat that had arrived, aided by one of the officers from the boat. Mrs. Moss was then seen floating near the burning boat. Viancourt, his brothers, and the officer swam toward her, Viancourt swimming a distance under the burning dock in his rescue attempt. Repulsed by flames, Viancourt and his brothers returned to the patrol boat, where they helped to fight the fire. Mrs. Moss was later retrieved by Viancourt's brothers, but she could not be revived. Moss was hospitalized but died several days later. The infant also was hospitalized, and he recovered. Viancourt was treated at a hospital emergency room for minor injuries, and he recovered. 68178-7846

DAVID F. VIANCOURT
CLEVELAND, OHIO

David F. Viancourt helped to save Denzil R. Moss and helped attempt to save Nancy J. Moss from drowning and burning, Cleveland, Ohio, May 9, 1993. Moss, 24; his mother, 51, and other relatives were aboard a cabin cruiser docked at a restaurant on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River. An explosion in the boat threw them into the water. Viancourt, 30, off-duty firefighter, and two of his brothers were nearby on the dock and witnessed the explosion. They ran to the boat, which had started to burn. After Viancourt spotted an infant among the debris in the boat, he grasped a line

and pulled the boat toward the dock while one of his brothers boarded the vessel and recovered the infant. Flames grew on the boat, producing dense black smoke, and spread to the dock, restaurant, and a fuel slick on the water in the vicinity. After Moss was seen in the water at the rear of the burning boat, Viancourt and his brothers entered the river for him. They secured him with a boathook, then took him to a state patrol boat that had arrived, aided by one of the officers from the boat. Mrs. Moss was then seen floating near the burning boat. Viancourt, his brothers, and the officer swam toward her but were repulsed by the flames. They returned to the patrol boat, where they helped to fight the fire. Viancourt and one of his brothers re-entered the water, retrieved Mrs. Moss, and took her back to the patrol boat. She could not be revived. Moss was hospitalized but died several days later. The infant was hospitalized, and he recovered. Viancourt was treated at a hospital emergency room for minor injuries, and he recovered.

68177-7847

VINCENT M. VIANCOURT
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Vincent M. Viancourt helped to save Charles Hoffman, Jr., and Denzil R. Moss and helped attempt to save Nancy J. Moss from drowning and burning, Cleveland, Ohio, May 9, 1993. Charles, 10 months old, was aboard a cabin cruiser docked at a restaurant on the bank of the Cuyahoga River with his uncle, Moss, 24; his grandmother, Mrs. Moss, 51, and other relatives. An explosion in the boat threw all occupants but Charles into the water; covered by debris, Charles remained in the boat, which started to burn. Viancourt, 39, off-duty firefighter, and two of his brothers were nearby on the dock and witnessed the explosion. Viancourt immediately boarded the boat, found Charles, and passed him to one of his brothers on the dock. Flames grew on the boat, producing dense black smoke, and spread to the dock, restaurant, and a fuel slick on the water in the vicinity. After Moss was seen in the water at the rear of the burning boat, Viancourt and his brothers entered the river for him. They secured him with a boathook, then took him to a state patrol boat that had arrived, aided by one of the officers from the boat. Mrs. Moss was then seen floating near the burning boat. Viancourt, his brothers, and the officer swam toward her but were repulsed by the flames. They returned to the patrol boat, where they helped to fight the fire. Viancourt and one of his brothers re-entered the

water, retrieved Mrs. Moss, and took her back to the patrol boat. She could not be revived. Charles was hospitalized, and he recovered; Moss also was hospitalized but died several days later. Viancourt was treated at a hospital emergency room for minor injuries, and he recovered. 68179-7845

FAWN WALENSKI
VENICE, CALIFORNIA

Fawn Walenski rescued Jonathon E. Thays from assault, Venice, California, June 28, 1993. In the hall just outside his door, Thays, 47, was being robbed at gunpoint by a man who had forced his way into the apartment building. Ms. Walenski, 40, with whom Thays lived, went to investigate when she heard noise in the hall. Thays told her to go back into the apartment, and she did, closing the door. Ms. Walenski then picked up a clay flowerpot, opened the door, and confronted the assailant, who held Thays to the floor with his gun pointed at Thays's head. When the assailant stood and aimed the gun at her, Ms. Walenski threw the flowerpot at him, striking him. The assailant fired the gun at Ms. Walenski, striking her in the shoulder, then fled. Ms. Walenski required hospital treatment for her wound.

67991-7813

BRENNAN S. WELLS
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

Brennan S. Wells helped to save Sylvia Estrada de Minton from drowning, Port Isabel, Texas, August 17, 1993. Ms. Minton, 27, was afloat in Laguna Madre Bay of the Gulf of Mexico at a point about a mile from shore. Crossing the Queen Isabella Causeway in that vicinity, Wells, 23, business operator, stopped on the bridge when he saw others gathered there. Learning of the situation, Wells removed his shirt and boots then climbed over the bridge railing and, knowing that the bay was shallow, jumped 25 feet into the water below. He swam to Ms. Minton, who had been carried under the bridge, and grasped her, then took her to a bridge support. Wells held to both Ms. Minton and the support while waiting for help. A Coast Guard boat arrived shortly and took them to shore. Wells sustained lacerations to his feet, and he recovered. 67818-7858

WILLIAM C. YIKE, JR., DECEASED
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

William C. Yike, Jr., died attempting to save Dennis Gorecki from suffocation, Detroit, Michigan, June 25, 1992. Gorecki, 24, was in a manhole on the property of the company where he was employed when he was overcome in an atmosphere later found to be non-respirable. He collapsed into the accumulated effluent. Yike, 27, laborer of another company working on the premises, was nearby. He announced his intention to rescue Gorecki and immediately entered the manhole. At the bottom, he was seen lifting Gorecki before he himself collapsed. Gorecki was pulled from the manhole by others and was hospitalized. Yike was later removed, but he could not be revived.

66988-7805

1994 AWARD STATISTICS

MEDALS

In 1994, ninety-four Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 7,881 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 69,222 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 1994, sixteen such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,606:

Clyde John Aketachunak	Gary S. Linkhorst
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George R. Dowse, Sr.	Emanuel Samuel Reeves
LaTonya S. Farmer	Michael Stuckey
Janean RaNae Guerra	James A. VanderLinden
Elvira Jacquette	William C. Yike, Jr.

MONETARY GRANTS

	1994	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 231,675	\$12,469,486
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	<u>297,898</u>	<u>8,544,606</u>
	\$ 529,573	\$ 21,014,092

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Fraser S. Foster	1990	Sybil P. Veeder	1992
Thomas J. Hilliard, Jr.	1979	James M. Walton	1968
Mark J. Laskow	1992	Thomas L. Wentling, Jr.	1991
Priscilla J. McCrady	1989	Alfred W. Wishart, Jr.	1976
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Arthur M. Scully, Jr.	1964		

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